

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – EXAMINING GROUP 1652**

**S/N 09/645,706**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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METHODS OF PREPARATION

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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 13, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from December 13, 2006 to February 13, 2007.